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REFS: (A) STATE 172123; (B) SEOUL 6100; (C) STATE 137836

1. ON JULY 13, LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR AGAIN CHANGED. AID APPROPRIATION BILL IS NOW NOT EXPECTED TO BE CONSIDERED ON FLOOR OF HOUSE UNTIL END OF JULY OR LATER. ON THIS BASIS WE HAVE CONDUCTED FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON THE HILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JULY 13 AND 14 AND HAVE CONCLUDED THAT WE SHOULD NOT DELAY FURTHER THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE 1977 PL-480 AGREEMENT FOR KOREA. THEREFORE, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES AT A TIME MUTUALLY CONVENIENT WITH THE ROKG. IN VIEW OF THE ALREADY LONG DELAY, YOU NEED GIVE US ONLY 24 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE (EXCLUDING WEEKEND) OF THE EXCHANGE TO ENABLE USDA

TO PREPARE THE STANDARD ANNOUNCEMENT HERE.

- 2. THIS EXCHANGE SHOULD BE HANDLED IN LOW KEY MANNER AND WE PREFER TO HAVE NO FORMAL CEREMONY, PHOTOGRAPHS OR OTHER PUBLICITY-ENHANCING ASPECTS AT THIS TIME.
- 3. WE KNOW OF NO SOURCE OR CONFIRMATION FOR ORIENT PRESS STORY REPORTED REF (B). HOWEVER, WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT WE ARE NOW ABLE TO PROCEED WITH THIS AGREEMENT.
- 4. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EXCHANGE OF NOTES, FORWARD DOCUMENTS PER PARA 3, REF (C).

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